

TOXIC CHEMICALS AND RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS

Recipients/responsible entities cannot locate projects on or near sites with hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gases, and radioactive substances, if the hazard could impact the health or safety of anybody occupying the project or if the hazard could make the project useable.

Threshold for Review: All properties proposed for use in HUD programs.

Basic Steps to Obtain Concurrence:

Determine if the project is on or near a hazard:

1. Is the project/site located within one mile of an EPA Superfund National Priorities or within 2,000 feet CERCLIS List, or equivalent State list; or
2. Is the project/site located within 3,000 feet of a toxic or solid waste land fill site; or
3. Does the project/site have an underground storage tank (which is not a residential fuel tank); or
4. Is the project/site known or suspected to be contaminated by toxic chemicals or radioactive materials.

For single family housing or rehabilitation of existing housing prepare a determination that there is no contamination that would impact the health or safety of occupants or impede the utilization of the site. The determination should be based on a review of local, State and/or Federal agency data, and include with it appropriate support documentation in the ERR file. If there is contamination that could impact the health and safety of occupants or impede utilization of the site, it must be mitigated or the project must be rejected.

For multifamily housing projects with 5 or more dwelling units (including leasing), or non-residential property, the Tribe **must** include the evaluation of previous uses of the site or other evidence of contamination on or near the site, to assure that the occupants of proposed sites are not adversely affected by hazardous materials, contamination, toxic chemicals and gases, and radioactive substances. HUD strongly encourages a ASTM Phase I site assessment. If there is contamination that could impact the health and safety of occupants or impede utilization, of the site, it must be mitigated or the project must be rejected.

Additional information regarding lead agencies dealing with Toxic Chemical and Radioactive Materials determinations can be found on the Internet at the following addresses:

ADEC: <http://www.dec.state.ak.us/spar/csp/>

EPA: <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/cursites/index.htm> and
<http://yosemite.epa.gov/r10/cleanup.nsf/webpage/Alaska+Cleanup+Sites>

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